

# TB INTERVIEW CHECKLIST

## **Pre-Interview**

- Review medical record
- Establish preliminary infectious period
- Develop interview strategy
- Arrange interview time and place

## **Introduction**

- Introduce self
  - Provide identification
  - Explain role in TB control
  - Build trust and rapport
- Ensure confidentiality
- Explain purpose of interview

## **Information and Education Exchange**

- Observe patient's physical and mental state/evaluate communication skills
- Collect/confirm the following information:
  - Name
  - Alias/nickname
  - Date of birth
  - Address
  - Telephone number
  - Next of kin
  - Other locating information
  - Physical description
  - Known exposure to TB
  - Recent hospitalization for TB
  - Medical provider for TB
  - Transportation availability
  - Other medical conditions
  - Out patient/DOT plan
  - Barriers to adherence
- Assess disease comprehension/provide TB education



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## **Information and Education Exchange (cont'd)**

- Obtain/confirm TB symptom history
- Discuss basis of patient's current diagnosis
- Discuss disease intervention behaviors (treatment/infection control/medical appointments)
- Refine infectious period/review significance with patient

## **Contact Identification**

- Focus on infectious period
- Explain close and casual exposure
- Stress importance of identification of all close contacts
- Collect information on patient's contacts in the household, workplace, school, other congregate settings, and social/recreational environment including:
  - Name
  - Other locating information
  - Alias/nickname
  - Relationship to patient
  - Age/race/sex
  - Physical description
  - Address/telephone number
  - Hours of exposure per week
  - Dates of first and last exposure
- Discuss site visits and sharing information on a need to know basis/reinforce confidentiality
- Discuss patient vs. health department method of contact referrals

## **Conclusion**

- Request/answer patient questions
- Review/reinforce adherence plan
- Restate next appointment date (if known)
- Arrange reinterview and home visit (if not already completed)
- Leave name and telephone number
- Thank patient and close interview